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SUBJECT: MILLENNIUM 73 CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON

1. EMBASSY IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM DIVINE LIGHT MISSION, 511 SIXTEENTH ST., DENVER, COLORADO, STATING THAT APPROXIMATELY 6,000 MEMBERS OF THAT ORGANIZATION WILL FLY ON CHARTERED PLANS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO HOUSTON, TEXAS FOR MILLENNIUM '73 FESTIVAL TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8-10, 1973, IN ASTRODOME. THIS IS ORGANIZATION LED BY BURU MAHARAJ JI. EMBASSY INFORMED APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS FROM FRANCE WILL APPLY FOR VISAS. MEMBERS WILL PAY APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH FOR PLACE ON CHARTERED PLANE, FOOD AND ACCOMODATIONS IN HOUSTON, ARRANGED BY DIVINE LIGHT. PLANS ARE TO LODGE MEMBERS IN HOMES OF AMERICAN MEMBERS IF HOTEL SPACE IS LACKING. MEMBERS WILL STAY IN HOUSTON AREA NOT LONGER THAN NOV 2-16.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT SOME MEMBERS ARE OR HAVE BEEN DRUG USERS. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN HANDLING VISA APPLICATIONS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL APPLICATIONS AND HAS ISSUED VISAS ONLY TO ALIENS WHO QUALIFY IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS AS BONA FIDE NONIMMIGRANTS WITH NO KNOWN GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY. IRWIN

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